



Finally, an art exposition of noted artist Evelino Fingal is open to the public in a most unusual venue.

Aruba has many established venues for art exhibitions, but it is likely the most unique opening took place on Friday evening, December 15. Evelino Fingal, well known on Aruba as the designer of the island's paper money held a gala opening of his work after a hiatus of many years at the Kong Hing Supermarket located in the market complex next to Sun Plaza.

The surrounding proved quite convenient for many art lovers that attending the opening that picked up a few necessities after admiring Evelino's latest works, which one observer described as "fantastic."

The works are artistically displayed in the Fresh Produce section, so it is advised that shoppers raise their eyes above the fruits and vegetables to experience a rare treat. Each of Evelino's work is a collage of photographs, manipulated and transformed in works of art that embody individual themes but "if people look closely, they will see that each contains a piece of me," expressed Evelino.

Though not large, on close examination one will find that each piece is a storm of thought and creativity. Many messages can be interpreted in the works; relationships, nature, children and a wide variety of subjects are commented upon by the artist, most in a dynamic swirl of color and images.

Evelino revealed that he had not presented a collection for some time, as he felt it would have been a conflict with his duties as head of the Instituto di Cultura until a few years ago, when his duties entailed being a curator of exhibitions. Now, working independently, he felt ready to present to the public "what I am doing these days." His work reveals a fascination with exploring photographic images and their metamorphosis from the ordinary into a creative statement. His subtle pictures require a great deal of study, each containing messages layered upon others. He has produced only five of each work, which are signed and numbered. Though they are being shown as a collection, the artist expressed that each one had "his complete focus and creativity, each work is an individual statement."

Attending the opening was former Governor Olindo Koolman and his wife Dora, who expressed great admiration for the work of this artist that is part of Aruba's history. The collection is on view from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM daily, Monday through Saturday, and from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday.